

July 20, 1942.

Mr. James Semler,
2374 Seventh Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Semler:

I am writing you first of all to get the address of Mr. Taylor in Rochester. I started to write him today and found his address was not in the letter I received from you with the copy of the contract.

Next, I would like to tell you we played in Buffalo, which has exactly twice the population of Rochester, under a professional promoter, Mr. John Williams, who handled the games in Detroit, and received \$510.00. If you still insist on going to Rochester and Mr. Taylor will accept the terms we agreed to go for, I guess I will have to go with you, but I will only stay for that one day. We have the 10th to the 14th in Newport News, Norfolk and Portsmouth and I think we would be silly to pass them up. If you do not want to make this trip with me, please let me know right away so I can start lining up another team. If you do decide to play Sunday, the 9th in Norfolk, we can play the 8th in Richmond (where the Cubans got \$236. last week) and go on from there.

I talked to Mike Iannarella on the phone this morning and he told me he has received an order from Pompey to make the placards for the 4th and 5th in Portsmouth the Cubans vs. Chicago American Giants.

The next thing about the Popularity Contest, I was informed the Yankee Stadium would not permit it, is this true? I tried all day yesterday and all night before last to get you on the phone without success, consequently, I decided I had better drop you this line. Please answer me right away, as it will take a little extra time to line up a club and we must get set on that Aug. 9th date, as publicity should be getting started.

EM:CCJ

Very truly yours,